

At the 'Ville.

Mrs. Chandler Severance spent Sunday with Mrs. F. H. Davis.

Will Weeks, who is now located at Haverhill, Mass., is in town for a few days.

Among recent visitors at A. L. Finney's were Miss Hattie Carpenter of Ramsey, N. J., who is spending the summer in town, Mrs. George H. Frost of Boston, who is at St. Johnsbury for the summer, and Mrs. Horace Locklin and daughter, Nellie, from Portsmouth, N. H., who will visit relatives here for about two weeks.

There was a large attendance at the golf picnic on Friday. This week's picnic will be on the glorious Fourth, and the long anticipated flag-raising will take place then.

Dr. Fred Dodge and Miss Addie Dodge are stopping with their brother, C. B. Dodge. They will occupy the Dodge cottage at Lake Morey through this month.

Mrs. F. H. Davis entertained the Christmas club very pleasantly Wednesday afternoon. Fifteen ladies were present, including guests.

The regular meeting of the Mother's club was held with Mrs. M. E. Daniels Thursday evening. The program was as follows: Roll call, answered by favorite recipes: "The social life of the child," Mrs. Daniels. A social hour followed.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Parker and Mrs. Wilder were called to Victory last week by the death of their cousin, Charles Rainey.

Samuel A. Mitchell of Sutton, an '07 commercial graduate, is serving as bookkeeper in the Lyndonville National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dexter are in town stopping at Hollis Welch's, and Mr. Dexter is getting settled in the jewelry store he bought of Granville Wheeler.

Ulysses S. Grant was taken suddenly ill last week Monday and although better in a very bad condition, caused by overwork. The doctor says a complete rest is necessary.

Mrs. Ernest Martin has recovered from her recent attack of diphtheria, and no more cases have been reported.

Claude Watson has moved into Mrs. Folsom's house on Park avenue, and Lisle Smith has moved into the tenement vacated by the Watsons.

F. A. Drown, the new electrician, has engaged a tenement in the Chapin house on Elm street, and will move his family here soon.

Mrs. G. G. Morrison went to Bradford, yesterday and will visit her sister at South Fairlee, later.

Last week's band concert was postponed until Friday night on account of the rain, and this week's concert will be on Friday evening also.

Harry Silsby and Dr. Smith and families took an automobile trip to Lake Willoughby last week and report the fishing fine.

Mrs. Benton Lyster and daughter Leah are visiting in town for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Powers and Miss Theia, and Miss Katharine Vail, have been on a short yachting trip with Mr. Vail.

Ruth Butler is visiting relatives at South Newbury.

Rev. Irving P. Johnson, rector of Gethsemane church, of Minneapolis, who has been the guest of Mrs. Alonzo Vail at Lyndon Center, left for his home, Monday.

Mrs. John Murch and daughter, Miss Hortense, are at home from Boston for the summer vacation, Miss Hortense's school having closed.

The new jeweler, Mr. Dexter, has moved into the store formerly occupied by Granville Wheeler, and is ready for business. He has a very attractive window, with a fine display of jewelry, silver ware, cut glass, and bric-a-brac.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Smith have moved into the Eaton block, occupying the two rooms, which the Huntleys formerly rented.

Mrs. W. E. Ranger, of Providence, R. I., and son Robert, were with her sister, Mrs. Paige, for a few days recently. Mrs. Ranger went to Montreal on Monday to join her husband, who is attending the meeting of the American Institute of Instruction, and Robert remained with his aunt. Mrs. Ranger will remain here a few days on her return.

Miss Rowena Clark has gone to Montreal to spend a week with friends.

William Johnson and wife leave today for Michigan, where they will spend a month's vacation with friends.

Universalists in Session.

The 114 annual session of the Northern Universalist Association of Vermont and Quebec was held in the Universalist church here last week Wednesday and Thursday. There was a good attendance and very interesting meetings were held. The members of the parish entertained all out of town guests, and dinners and suppers were served at the church. The program began Wednesday afternoon with an address of welcome from the Lyndonville pastor, responded to by Rev. A. F. Welch of St. Johnsbury.

Rev. J. N. Emery preached, and communion service was held. The evening program began with a praise service, and Rev. Grant Van Blarcom gave an address on "The Future of the Y. P. C. C." and Rev. Mr. Welch on the subject, "Why a Universalist church?" Thursday morning's program opened with a conference meeting, followed by a business session. Rev. C. F. McIntire gave an address on "The qualifications of a successful Sunday School Teacher," and Miss Carrie Underwood spoke on the work of the Women's Missionary Society. In the afternoon a praise service opened the exercises, and the following addresses were given: "The Moral Ar-

gument for Universalism," Rev. E. E. Marggraf, "Our State Work," Rev. A. M. Smith, Sept., "Progress, the Law of Man's Being," Rev. F. E. Adams. There was a good attendance at all the meetings, and some very eloquent addresses were delivered.

These officers were elected: President, Rev. A. F. Welch; Vice President, Rev. E. E. Marggraf of North Hatley.

Sec. and Treas., Miss Martha A. Jenness.

Executive Committee, the officers, George C. Felch, and J. E. Dwinell of Glover.

Reports of the various churches showed very good strength and zeal. There are no pastoral vacancies in any active church. A resolution favoring state prohibition and a referendum of it to the people of the state was readily passed, as this denomination is always quick to urge.

LYNDON.

Miss Henrietta Chase of Chicago arrived last week Monday to spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Chase. Mrs. Charlotte Chase Wilcomb and little son Richard of Springfield are also visiting her mother.

Miss Lucia Grant came home from Northfield, Mass., last week.

Miss Ida Bailey is visiting at Scott Farm's.

Mrs. E. C. Morse, who has been ill for several weeks, is improving. Miss Winona Libbey is also gaining.

Mrs. Thomas Bean is very ill.

Wells Quimby has sold the McMullen house, which is occupied by George Charron, to Mr. Charron's brother-in-law for \$600.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Houghton returned home Monday from their bridal trip.

The Epworth League business meeting Tuesday evening was preceded by a half hour devotional service and the prayer meeting Thursday evening is omitted for this week.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church will hold an ice cream social on the church lawn Saturday evening, to which every one is invited.

Rev. W. C. Clarke returned from his vacation Saturday.

The Christian Endeavor society held an ice cream social Tuesday evening in the Congregational vestry.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Gray are spending a week or two visiting their son and his family at St. Johnsbury.

Scott Farnum is finishing off a new room in the ell part of his house for the use of his tenants.

The Village Improvement society have been shaping and trimming the grass plots at the street corners and have laid a new sidewalk near the carriage shop. The grass plots near the depot have also been trimmed and sown with grass seed and are looking much more satisfactory than ever before.

The town has laid an earth walk from the street to the depot and also beyond the track toward Mr. Williamson's, to replace the board walk, which had become unsafe.

Daniel Paris has filled his front lawn to the level of the sidewalk and laid a front walk of stone.

Mrs. E. E. Gage is having the bank block newly painted and is about to make some inside repairs.

Mrs. Bertha Paris and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pope of Orange, Mass., arrive today to spend their vacation with their parents.

Mrs. Charlotte Wilcomb is very ill with inflammation of the stomach.

RYEGATE.

Rev. and Mrs. McKirahan are entertaining Miss Guthrie, a friend from Rochester, N. Y.

The exercises by the school, Friday evening, were very good and both teacher and scholars are deserving much credit. The box supper also was quite a success, and over \$13 were added to the organ fund.

The entertainments by Mr. Fogg Wednesday and Thursday evenings were not as well attended as they should have been, as it is a good show, being both interesting and instructive.

The wind and hail storm, which passed over here last week Tuesday, did quite an amount of damage, mostly in the way of broken windows. There were 33 panes of glass broken on the north side of the store buildings, and in several dwellings nearly all the glass was broken on the north side. Many of the hail stones were as large as hens' eggs. A part of the steel roofing was torn from Willie Thompson's barn; at the same time the spire on the church was turned and tipped, also many trees blown down.

EAST BARNET.

Mrs. G. A. Richardson accompanied her son Samuel to the Harvard commencement, where he went to take his degree. He took the degree of A. B. and honors in economics. Samuel is one of our best young men and his many friends here congratulate him on his success thus far.

Bernard Webster from South Dakota was married two weeks ago and came here on his wedding trip. They were the guests here of his aunt, Mrs. Crissie Nelson, and Bennie Webster, his brother, from Maryland, spent the week here with them.

B. M. Brown is gaining very fast, being able to walk to the store and back.

Portie McGill, who has been attending school in New Jersey the past year, returned home a week ago.

Leslie Gilfillan has gone to Jefferson, where she has a good position in a post office.

Miss Ranney from Concord closed a successful term of school here Friday.

The Misses Rowell from Peacham are spending a week at Mr. Lindsay's.

Florence Dickinson is spending a week or two at J. R. Galbraith's.

Mrs. F. C. Shonyo and son Howard from Lyndonville spent a week at C. Dickinson's.

There will be a promenade in Chapel Hall Friday evening July 12. Ice cream and cake will be served.

WEST BURKE.

Sergeant L. E. Esden spent Sunday at West Burke, the guest of Miss Florence Roundy.

At Danville.

Clarence Cummings returned from Brooklyn, Saturday, where he has been attending school for the past six months.

At the next regular meeting of the Grange, July 9, the 3rd and 4th degree work will be exemplified.

Miss Mary Sargent returned from Burlington last week, where she has been attending business college.

The service preparatory to communion will be held at the Congregational church Saturday afternoon at 2.30.

Mrs. Tracy Badger completed the spring term of school in the Kitteridge district Friday, and the following pupils had no absent marks: Ivah and Harold Kitteridge, Dorothy Stocker, Ella McCosco, Marjorie Gray, Stanley Page.

P. H. McDonald has been improving his house by the addition of a fine piazza and dormer windows.

Miss Lydia Taylor graduated from the Johnson Normal School at the June commencement.

Miss Bell Danforth and nephew of Barre are visiting at C. S. Ranney's.

Rev. C. J. Brown is taking a two weeks' vacation, and Presiding Elder Lewis will have charge of the services Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Currier of Boston have been visiting at R. C. Davis'.

Miss Lou Davis entertained several young ladies Friday afternoon in honor of her friend, Miss Cora Coffin.

Dr. Edward Davis of New York city is at the Elm House.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dow have returned from Massachusetts, where they have been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Lissom Plant is ill with typhoid fever.

John Hibbs of West Newbury, Mass., has been visiting at Alonzo Page's for several days.

Alonzo Page and Miss Ida M. Page went to West Newbury last week to attend the funeral of their uncle, Oscar Gowen.

J. E. Harris has assumed the editorial duties of the Hardwick Gazette for an indefinite time.

Miss Hattie Choate is visiting Mrs. Elsie Merrill at Peacham.

George C. Davis of Hardwick is visiting his son, R. C. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Burbank and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harris drove to Caspian Lake, today, where they will spend the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Burdick and children are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Burdick.

Miss Luthera Davis has gone to Hanover for the summer, where she will continue her studies.

The entertainment "In the Grip of the Enemy," given last week for the benefit of the Knights of Phthias, passed off very successfully and netted the society \$30. There was a good attendance both evenings and a social hour and dancing followed the play, during which time ice cream was served in the rooms below.

Edward Ashe of Sheffield spent Sunday with his sister, Miss Nellie Ashe, at Mrs. Lou Carter's.

Miss Rosalie Rogers of Connecticut is visiting Mrs. Harold Ayer.

Byron Wright, of the CALEDONIAN office, St. Johnsbury, is spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. A. C. McLean.

Harvey Burbank is to attend the summer school for superintendents in charge of Mason S. Stone, to be held at Willoughby Lake, July 8 to 20.

Charley Dole and Merton Badger attended the commencement exercises at Norwich University last week.

Col. and Mrs. Nelson A. Dole and Durant Dole attended a reunion of Ex-Governor Bell's staff at the home of Charles T. Walter at Lyndon from Friday until Monday.

Benjamin Tilton is clerking in Dole and Currier's store.

The Morrill school closed Friday, Myrtle M. Smith teacher. Those having no absent marks were: Elsie, Harold, Everett, and Uadavilla Snelling, Florence Clifford, and Lena Emmons. Uadavilla Snelling has had no absent marks during the entire year.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church will hold a social Friday in the parlors of the church.

PASSUMPSIC.

Miss Elizabeth Galbraith of St. Johnsbury and Mrs. J. F. Adams spent Sunday with Mrs. S. A. Denio.

John Whitcher put the first home-grown strawberries on the market Monday. They were nice berries and Miss Marguerite Ray is picking them.

John L. Ray commenced haying Monday. Some of his grass stood five feet and was correspondingly thick.

George Felch of Boston is with his brother, Charles, for a few days.

Miss Carrie Rocket of Malden, Mass., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Orville Pinney.

Mrs. Belle Thayer spent some time with friends in Barnet village, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whitcher visited their daughter, Mrs. Chickering at St. Johnsbury the last of the week.

There will be fireworks on the common Wednesday evening, July 3, and a promenade in Randall's hall for the benefit of the baseball nine. Ice cream and cake will be served.

Miss Carlotta Gilbert, who has been here with her parents the past week started Monday for Onoka, Minn., to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. R. W. Akin.

Miss Eva Clifford of Dorchester, Mass., is spending a few weeks at J. D. Thynge's.

NORTH DANVILLE.

The sociable field at S. K. Huse's last Wednesday was very well attended considering the weather, and \$5.50 was added to the treasury.

Mrs. H. W. Clark is visiting relatives in Barre.

Mrs. Abby Stevens is spending a week with her granddaughter, Mrs. G. A. Massey, of St. Johnsbury.

Miss Andersen of St. Johnsbury is visiting her aunt, Mrs. O. H. Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ward are visiting friends in Hardwick.

Clarence Wilkie returned from a Burlington hospital last week, where he had been for three weeks.

Miss Minnie McFarland of Hardwick is visiting friends about here.

Trefley Hall died at the home of his brother Joseph last week Monday and the funeral was held Wednesday afternoon, Rev. B. P. Parker officiating.

John Ingham and bride of Williamsett, Mass., are visiting his aunt, Mrs. W. S. Langmaid.

EAST ST. JOHNSBURY.

Death of Mr. Lawrence.

Orville V. Lawrence, who was killed June 18 in Boston by a New York, New Haven and Hartford train, was the oldest son of Victor and Victoria Lawrence of Waterford and was 26 years old. He obtained employment in the Fairbanks scale shops, where he worked four years. Last October he went to Boston to work for Hussey and McGuire, electricians. He was of a genial disposition, liked by his employers and acquaintances. The funeral was held at East St. Johnsbury, Rev. E. E. Grant officiating. Interment was at Grove cemetery. He leaves, besides his father and mother, three brothers and two sisters and one half-sister, Mrs. E. Ewen.

George McGinniss has moved onto the Severance farm, recently purchased by Rev. E. E. Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ramage were in Burlington last week to attend the commencement exercises at the U. V. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murphy of Bar Harbor, Maine, are spending a few days with Mrs. Murphy's brother, Charles Wark.

The Christian Endeavor society will give a social Friday evening, July 12, at the church vestry. It is expected that F. O. French and Mrs. Anna Somerville Cross of St. Johnsbury will be present and contribute to the pleasure of the entertainment. Mrs. Chauncy Miltimore of Concord and her sister, Miss Cleona Tatro, of Chicago, have also kindly consented to take a part in the musical program. Cake and ice cream will be served at the close of the entertainment.

Charles Prouty suffered a severe stroke one day last week. He has not yet fully recovered from the effects of it, but is able to be about.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Robertson of Rochester, N. H., are here for the summer vacation.

Miss Charlotte Morrill of Brooklyn, N. Y., is here for the summer.

INTERESTING APPLES.

Varieties of Large Size Forming a Succession.

The interesting trio of western New York apples here mentioned form a succession both in season and in quality. The two varieties shown are described by American Agriculturist as being noted for their large size. In the basket at the top is Alexander, which ripens through most of September and October. It is a remarkably showy red streaked variety of poor to medium quality, with the further faults of rotting, cracking and dropping. Another large red apple also described is Twenty Ounce, which ripens during



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October, but may be kept in good ordinary storage till Christmas and in cold storage till midwinter. It is an exceptionally large, red streaked apple of good to better quality, useful for both market and house use. The fruit hangs fairly well, considering its size, and is generally satisfactory. The lower apple shown in the cut is Hubbardson, later than Twenty Ounce and of even finer quality. It is distinctly a dessert variety, in special favor during late November, December and early January. Very prolific, showy and uniform, it has become a leading sort in western New York and well deserves its popularity both at home and in foreign markets.

Alfalfa Mills Kept Busy.

Alfalfa meal, though only a very short time on the market, has already become an appreciated feeding stuff, according to the Breeder's Gazette, Chicago, which says: Its chief handicap has been its relative cost, but despite that it has attained such wide use that every alfalfa mill in the country has been pushed to its utmost capacity for some time. This in a measure accounts for the phenomenal demand which has existed for months for well cured pea green third and fourth cutting hay of this sort. Prediction among the best informed men in the hay trade is that the demand for good alfalfa hay is just starting and that the product of the thousands of acres of new seedling laid down each successive year will attain a ready sale. The main trouble, it is alleged, is that so far no machine has yet been invented for the sole purpose of grinding alfalfa. However, inventive genius is at work on the problem, and it is to be presumed that before very long an alfalfa mill will be perfected that will materially lessen the cost of grinding. It is predicted that when this happens milling alfalfa will be one of the largest industries and equal to the flour milling business now.

At the Complaint Desk.

By KATE AUSTIN.

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For the third time Marian Macrea rose from the uncomfortable settee that faced the complaint desk and approached the young woman, seated behind the wide window, who was talking to the checker.

"Of course it gave her a good chance to let us all know what nice white arms she has, but my mother'd see me in my grave before she'd let me go to a ball in any such costume as that."

"Will you kindly ascertain whether they have found my parcel yet?" interrupted Marian, tapping the desk lightly with the tips of her gloved fingers. The young person flung her an impatient look.

"What parcel?"

"The one about which I inquired at intervals for the past half hour."

"What's your name and what's wrong with the bundle?" inquired the girl in bored tones.

"You took my name twice and telephoned the delivery department, and I am waiting for their report. Why do you not call them again and see whether the parcel has been located?"

"Say, do you think I want to get the delivery boys down on me? If they find it, they'll tell me quick enough."

"If"—echoed Marian, her delicate face flushing under the girl's cool impertinence.

"Well, I'll take your name and address and drop you a postal when we find it."

"Indeed, you will not. I want it now," said Marian, and she walked away from the window, with head high and nostrils quivering.

"Wonder if she's going down into the subcellar to get it," giggled the young person to the checker. "It is funny how some fellows think they can come in here and run this store. I guess she doesn't know we've got a system here."

Then while the girl continued her account of the fancy dress ball Marian crossed to the main aisle, found a floor-walker and asked to be directed to the superintendent of employees. Five minutes later she was ushered into the presence of a smooth faced, square shouldered chap who looked as if he had received his training on the football gridiron rather than as stock boy in a big department store.

Richard Burnside had risen from the lowest ranks in the store where he was now superintendent, studying practical business methods by day and physical culture and English branches at the Y. M. C. A. rooms by night.

Now he stood beside his desk, Marian Macrea's card bent between his fingers. He looked the slender, graceful figure over with the keen eye of a man accustomed to seeking good material for his staff and decided that she must be a reporter or magazine writer hunting information about the condition of the working girl. He had met many such since he had become superintendent.

"What can we do for you, Miss Macrea?" he inquired, offering her a seat.

"I merely called to ask you whether your complaint department had been organized for the convenience of your customers or to browbeat them so make complaint?"

Richard Burnside sat down rather suddenly. This was not just what he had expected.

Very deliberately, but convincingly, Marian told her story, from the indifference of the clerk who had first waited on her to the impertinence of the young woman at the complaint desk. When she had finished, Burnside leaned forward, his hands clasped between his knees, his face boyish no longer, but seamed deeply with lines of anxiety.

"Miss Macrea, you have been treated outrageously, and so have many of our customers, and I, the superintendent of this store, cannot find a remedy, because I cannot handle women employees. I can handle the boys in this line, because I know boys, but the indifferent, the insolent woman employee's beyond me."

He glanced up to meet Marian's sympathetic glance. Impulsively he told her of his humble beginning, the pride with which he had accepted his new work and his many vexations and trials with incompetent help.

"I have had five girls at that complaint desk, each less satisfactory than the one before her. If I could just find a girl with judgment, discretion and good manners—but you can't expect to find such a girl for \$12 a week, can you?"

His big gray eyes were lifted to Marian's brown ones.

She laughed, a queer, chuckling little laugh that seemed to fairly bubble up from her slender white throat.

"Do you think I would fill the bill? I would like to earn \$12 a week."

"You?" gasped Burnside, his glance traveling from her neat boots to her trim tailored hat.

"Why, yes. When I came in here I never thought of such a thing, though I have been wanting a position of some sort. I believe I would know whether a woman had a just complaint or was trying to cheat the firm, and I have always been complimentary on my tact. I know I have patience, because I have been—companion to an invalid for several years. If you would consider the proposition, I can furnish references."

"I don't give a fig for references. You're engaged. Can you begin Monday? I'll put that girl back where she belongs—in the mail order department."

And that was how Marian Macrea walked out of the Barnes Bros' store with a job in her pocket and an odd little smile playing around her lips.

Three months passed. Burnside was no longer worried about the conduct of the complaint department. In fact, he argued that the reason he dropped in to talk complaints over with its presiding head was merely as a relief after other worries. It was a pleasure, to see a department run so smoothly. And all over the big store the same atmosphere was beginning to assert itself. There were weekly talks to the women clerks, at which reports from floorwalkers and complaining customers were offered; little lectures on the smoothing out of tangles and the adjustment of differences were given. The sales girls took a new view of selling goods and handling customers, and none knew that these talks were all planned out in a charming little up-town apartment, where the superintendent and the head of the complaint department gravely discussed store problems while the invalid mother forgot her own pains in listening to the new interests of her daughter.

Then came the great